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American hip-hop group visits Bolivia for the first time

The American hip-hop and breakdancing group Havikoro will visit Bolivia for the first time and will present a series of concerts and workshops in the cities of El Alto, La Paz, Santa Cruz, and Cochabamba. Their visit is sponsored by the U.S. Embassy in La Paz.

On Tuesday 11, Havikoro will conduct a breakdancing workshop at Teatro Trono in Ciudad Satelite, El Alto, and the following day they will give a performance for the public, also at Teatro Trono, along with local groups Rimadores Locos, Eniex, LP La Paz, and The Cronic, and other hip-hop and rap groups.

On Thursday 13, Havikoro will conclude its tour in Bolivia presenting a major concert, along with the indicated Bolivian music groups, at Plaza de los Heroes (San Francisco). This presentation for an estimated crowd of 600 people, will be the first festival of its kind ever presented in Bolivia and will include the four elements present in hip-hop: graffiti; singers and rappers (MCs); break dancers; and Disc Jockeys (DJs).

Havikoro is composed of a group of friends who embraced music as a means to express and share their life experiences with other youngsters, taking a positive message to youth around the world through break dance, hip-hop, and rap.

Havikoro has traveled around the world, performing in cities including Helsinki, Moscow, Paris, Frankfurt, Hanover, Tokyo, Seoul, London, Zurich, Baku, and major U.S. cities. They have also shared the stage with artists and associations such as Destiny's Child, Common, Limp Bizkit, Biz Markie, Coolio, Black-Eyed Peas, Tre9, P.O.D., Geno V, Soulfruit, Tony Touch, Planet Funk, and sports teams such as The Houston Rockets and The Houston Comets.

Havikoro has been featured in *Backspin*, the most important German hip-hop magazine. They were also interviewed by MTV regarding their most recent tour in Europe. For the past five years, members of Havikoro have been Hip Hop instructors with the Houston Independent School District. Havikoro was recently sponsored by a San Diego clothing company, Tribal Gear, along with famous artists such as Tony Touch, P.O.D., and Limp Bizkit.

Havikoro has appeared for American Voices' Houston Artists Abroad Program as the headline artists at the Baku Jazz Festival 2004 in Azerbaijan. Upcoming tours of Havikoro in 2005 include Vietnam and Southeast Asia, the Middle East and Latin America.

For more information and photos of the group, visit: [www.americanvoices.org/pressmaterials/high resolutions photos/hip hop artists](http://www.americanvoices.org/pressmaterials/high%20resolutions%20photos/hip%20hop%20artists).

Public presentations of Havikoro in El Alto and La Paz:

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| October, Tuesday 11: | 5:00 p.m. Break Dancing workshop at Teatro Trono, Ciudad Satélite, El Alto (Plan 405, calle 17B # 615) |
| October, Wednesday 12: | 6:00 p.m. Teatro Trono, Ciudad Satélite. (Free Admission) |
| October, Thursday 13: | 7:00 p.m. Plaza de Los Heroes, San Francisco, La Paz |

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